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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add claim 46.

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46. (Added) A linear α -1,4 glucan obtained by the process of claim 40.